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18 Apr 2026 1711 GMT
SFI: 107 SN: 44
A-Index: 4
K-Index: 3
X-Ray: B3.7
304A: 104.0 @ SEM
Ptn Flx: 299
Elc Flx: 2400
Aurora: 3/n=1.99
Mag (Bz): 1.9
Solar Wind: 478.1
Geomag Field UNSETTLD
Sig Noise Lvl S2-S3
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DX News

3B9, RODRIGUES I. Recently active as 3B8G from Mauritius Island, Suvarna, VU3OPT (OMØGA) has been QRV as **3B9G** (not 3B9N, as he originally announced) from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) since April 16th. He now expects to remain there **until May 22nd**. QSL via [VU3OPT](#).

-[425DXN # 1824 April 18, 2026] (0417-0522)

3D2, FIJI. Jacek, SP5APW will be active as **3D2JK** from Lakeba Island (OC-095) on **April 17th-22nd**. He will operate FT8 and SSB on 20-10 meters, and mainly FT8 on 6 meters. Last activated in 2004, OC-095 remains the rarest IOTA group in Fiji. More information on <https://3d2jk.blogspot.com/>. Full

LoTW upload after six months. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred), or direct to [SP5APW](#).
-[425DXN # 1816 February 21, 2026] (0417-0424)

3X, GUINEA. Elvira, IV3FSG, will be QRV as **3X3A** from Roume Island (AF-051) from **April 11th to 25th**. Activity will be on 80 through 10 meters and 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8, FT4, and FT2. QSL via [IK2WAD](#).
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 14 April 9, 2026] (0410-0424)

4W, TIMOR-LESTE. Darren, VK4MAP has been active holiday style as **4W6DA** from Timor Leste (OC-148) for the past few days. He also expects to be QRV as **4W6DA/p** from Atauro Island (OC-232). He operates SSB and prefers the 10m band. QSL via [VK4MAP](#).
-[425DXN # 1823 April 11, 2026] (0410-0424)

6Y, JAMAICA. It is reported that **6Y5CB** was active recently on 15 meter SSB. QSL direct to [6Y5CB](#).
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 15 April 16, 2026] (0417-0508)

7P, LESOTHO. Paolo IZØEVI, Diego IZØEWJ and Luca IZ6DSQ will be active as **7P8WR** from Lesotho from **April 23rd to May 1st**. They will operate SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 40-10 meters. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW, or via [IZØEWJ](#).
-[425DXN # 1821 March 28, 2026] (0417-0501)

8R, GUYANA. Aldir, PY1SAD is again active as **8R1TM** from Guyana **until May 10th**. He operates CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 meters and via satellite, from 2300 to 0300 UTC during the week, and "full time" during the weekends. He will also participate in the CQ MM DX Contest (April 18th-19th). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, QRZ, or direct to [PY1SAD](#).
-[425DXN # 1823 April 11, 2026] (0410-0515)

8R, GUYANA. Ren, PY8WW, is active from Corriverton as **8R/PZ5TW**. He is generally QRV on FT8. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred) or LoTW.
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 14 April 9, 2026] (0410-0501)

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Paulo, ZS6CRZ, is setting up in Tete as **C95CRZ**. QRV currently on 10m SSB with a wire antenna and 100W and future improvements likely. QSL via qrz.com.
-[DXNL # 2506 April 15, 2026] (0417-0508)

CE9,KC4, ANTARCTICA. Yuri, UA1CCI is now active as **R11ANY** from Novolazarevskaya Station, Antarctica (WWL JB59vf). He operates SSB, FT8 and FT4 via QO-100 and on the HF bands. "He does not speak fluent English, nor does he have pileup experience, so please be patient", R3LO says. Yuri will be stationed at Novolazarevskaya **for one year** at least. QSL via LoTW.
-[425DXN # 1823 April 11, 2026] (0410-0501)

CE9,KC4, ANTARCTICA. Ramon, LU1DMZ, is QRV as **LU1DMZ/Z** from the Orcadas base on Laurie Island (AN-008) **until the end of 2026**. QSL info unknown.
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 13 April 2, 2026] (0403-0424)

CE9,KC4, ANTARCTICA. Tom, VK2TBC, is QRV as **VKØTBC** from the Casey base on the Bailey peninsula (AN-016) **until the end of 2026**. QSL via [VK2TBC](#).
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 13 April 2, 2026] (0403-0424)

D6, COMOROS. Ivan, UR9IDX, is currently active as **D6ØDX** on 80-10m CW and SSB and expects to stay **until the beginning of May**. QSL via [CT9/UR9IDX](#), [ClubLog's OQRS](#), no LoTW.
-[DXNL # 2506 April 15, 2026] (0417-0501)

DL, GERMANY. The special event station **DA1ØØLENZ** (special DOK SL100) celebrates the 100th anniversary of the German author Siegfried Lenz **until the end of August**. QSLs will be sent out automatically via the bureau.
-[DXNL # 2506 April 15, 2026] (0417-0508)

DL, GERMANY. Special callsign **DA2ØØGVN** (special DOK 200GVN) celebrates the 200th anniversary of the birth of polar explorer Georg von Neumayer from **April 1st until July 31st** on HF, VHF

and via QO-100. QSL via [DK5ON](#), DCL, LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2504 April 1, 2026] (0403-0424)

DL, GERMANY. Special callsign **DM5ØGFS** (special DOK 50GFS) commemorates the opening of the first German Antarctic station (Georg Forster) by the German Democratic Republic (GDR) in 1976.

QRV from **April 1st to July 31st** on HF, VHF and via QO-100. QSL via [DK5ON](#), DCL, LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2504 April 1, 2026] (0403-0424)

DL, GERMANY. Special callsign **DA26WARD** by the DARC Team SES promotes World Amateur Radio Day from **March 1st until April 30th**. WARD is celebrated annually on April 18th, the day when the IARU was formed in 1925. The theme for this year's WARD is "Advancing the Spirit of Amateur Radio Through Innovation". QSL via LoTW, [DK5ON](#), and DCL (DARC Community Logbook).

-[425DXN # 1818 March 7, 2026] (0306-0501)

DL, GERMANY. Celebrating a half-century of German research in Antarctica, special callsigns **DAØANT**, **DM5ØANT** and **DP5ØANT** will be active from **February 15th to April 30th**. In addition, **DM5ØGFS** will also be active on **April 1st-30th** (for the 50th anniversary of the Georg Forster Station, established by the GDR in 1976 and decommissioned in 1993), as well as **DP2ØØGVN** (for the bicentenary of the birth of Georg von Neumayer, after whom three German Antarctic research stations have been named). See <https://50ant.hamaward.de/en/german-antarctic-research/> for complete information on the "50 Years of German Antarctic Research" award.

-[425DXN # 1814 February 7, 2026] (0213-0501)

DXCC TOP TWENTY. Here are the top 20 entities on ClubLog's "DXCC Most Wanted" list as of April 16, 2026:

1. P5	DPRK (North Korea)	11. VKØM	Macquarie Island
2. KH3	Johnston Island	12. EZ	Turkmenistan
3. KH7K	Kure Island	13. PYØS	Saint Peter And Paul Rocks
4. CEØX	San Felix Islands	14. VPØS	South Sandwich Islands
5. FT5/X	Kerguelen Island	15. 3Y/B	Bouvet Island
6. BS7H	Scarborough Reef	16. YK	Syria
7. 3Y/P	Peter 1 Island	17. ZL9	New Zealand Subantarctic Islands
8. YVØ	Aves Island	18. FT/T	Tromelin Island
9. BV9P	Pratas Island	19. VKØH	Heard Island
10. KH4	Midway Island	20. KH1	Baker Howland Islands

For the complete list, see <https://clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

-[KØCF April 17, 2026] (0417-0508)

EA, SPAIN. Special event station **AO75ØSJ** celebrates the 750th anniversary of Saint George patron saint of the city of Alcoy. Look for activity on 160-6 meters SSB, CW and digital modes on **April 6th-26th**. See <https://ao750sj.ure.es/> for the award program. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, paper cards will not be issued.

-[425DXN # 1822 April 4, 2026] (0403-0424)

EX, KYRGYZSTAN. Serge, **EXØM**, is QRV on 17 meter CW and looking for North American stations. QSL via [EXØM](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 15 April 16, 2026] (0417-0508)

F, FRANCE. On March 27, 1899, Guglielmo Marconi achieved the first international wireless transmission, sending Morse code signals between Wimereux (near Boulogne-sur-Mer), France, and the South Foreland Lighthouse in Dover, England. Commemorating this milestone in the history of telecommunications, the special event station **TM8DW** will be active from Wimereux **on April 25th** during the International Marconi Day, and **sporadically until June**. In addition, **GB2DOVER**, **GB2SFL** and **GB8DW** will be operated by the Dover Amateur Radio Club on the British side of the Channel. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1824 April 18, 2026] (0417-0529)

F, FRANCE. Special callsign **TM1Ø1WARD** by the Reseau des Emetteurs Francais (REF) celebrates World Amateur Radio Day from **April 14th to 20th**. WARD is observed annually on April 18th, the day when the IARU was formed in Paris 101 years ago.

-[425DXN # 1823 April 11, 2026] (0410-0524)

F, FRANCE. The radio club APRA Wingles (Pas de Calais) celebrates France's second female astronaut Sophie Adenot (KJ5LTN) with the callsign **TM62SA** until June.

-[DXNL # 2502 March 18, 2026] (0320-0424)

FO/M, MARQUESAS IS. Team **TX9W** (F6BCW, K4VBM, K5WE, N5TEA, W5CCP and WD5COV) will be active from Hiva Oa, Marquesas Islands (OC-027) on April 19th-30th. They will operate CW and FT8 ("some SSB, RTTY, FT4 may be attempted") on 160-6 meters with up to six stations. Depending upon a reliable Internet connection, QSOs will be uploaded to ClubLog on a daily basis, and ClubLog's Livestream will be enabled. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after the DXpedition. See <https://k5we.com/tx9w> for more information and updates. QSL via LoTW, [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred), or [K5WE](#).

-[425DXN # 1813 January 31, 2026] (0417-0501)

HA, HUNGARY. The Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ) will commemorate the 235th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Morse with nine special callsigns: **HA235MSE**, **HA235S**, **HA235A**, **HA235M**, **HA235U**, **HA235E**, **HA235L**, **HA235O** and **HA235R**. Look for activity on CW and SSB on April 17th-27th. See <https://mrasz.org/award-rules> for the award. QSL via LoTW and [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1822 April 4, 2026] (0417-0501)

HBØ, LIECHTENSTEIN. Members of the radio club PI4RAZ (Robert, PA2RDK, Frank, PA3CNO, Bart, PA3HEA, Gert, PEØMGB and Wim, PE1PWR) are currently on the air until April 18th from Liechtenstein signing **HBØ/homecalls** on 80-10m CW, SSB, and digital modes. QSL via [PE1FLO](#), LoTW, eQSL.

-[DXNL # 2506 April 15, 2026] (0417-0424)

JA, JAPAN. Watch for **JE1HXZ/6** to be active from Kuchino Island, Tokara Islands (AS-049) on April 21st-28th. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8/FT4 on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), and LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1824 April 18, 2026] (0417-0501)

JD1/M, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Take, JG8NQJ, is active as **JG8NQJ/JD1** until mid-May during his spare time. Operation is mostly CW and FT8. QSL via [JA8CJY](#) or LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 14 April 9, 2026] (0410-0515)

JW, SVALBARD. Geir, LB4VE, Stein, LA8JKA, Nils, LA7HNA, Andreas, LA7IPA, and Frank, LBØNJ will be QRV as **JW5E** on Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) from April 21st to 24th on 80-10m CW, SSB and FT4/8.

-[DXNL # 2506 April 15, 2026] (0417-0424)

LZ, BULGARIA. The radio club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) continues to honor the memory of Bulgarian saints in 2026:

- * **LZ488AM** (March-April),
- * **LZ37ØTL** (May-June),
- * **LZ67PP** (July-August),
- * **LZ936BA** (September-October), and
- * **LZ911TD** (November-December).

-[DXNL # 2504 April 1, 2026] (0403-0424)

OE, AUSTRIA. Special callsign **OE26M** by the Club Amateur Radio ORF (CARO) in cooperation with Dokumentationsarchiv Funk (Dokufunk) participates in this year's International Marconi Day (April 25th). Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW, FT8/FT4. QSL via [OE1XRW](#).

-[425DXN # 1823 April 11, 2026] (0424-0501)

ON, BELGIUM. Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, members of the HF Committee and the Board of Directors of the UBA, Belgium's IARU society, will be active as **OO26WARD** throughout April. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via the bureau.

-[425DXN # 1822 April 4, 2026] (0403-0501)

ON, BELGIUM. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Belgian National Railway Company (NMBS/SNCB), special station **OT26B** is active until December 31st. The line between Brussels and

Mechelen, opened on May 5, 1835, was the first steam-powered public railway in continental Europe. QSL via [OR4K](#).

-[425DXN # 1821 March 28, 2026] (0327-0424)

OX, GREENLAND. Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again in his spare time as **OX3LX** from Aasiaat Island (NA-134) on **April 10th-25th**. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW or via [OZØJ](#).

-[425DXN # 1823 April 11, 2026] (0410-0424)

OZ, DENMARK. In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day, a number of Danish stations will be signing **5PØWARD/xx** and **5PØWHD/xx** with different suffix extensions on **April 18th**. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward> for information about the award program. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) and LoTW, or via [OZ1ACB](#).

-[425DXN # 1823 April 11, 2026] (0417-0424)

PA, NETHERLANDS. Special callsign **PG75HSC** by Theo, PA3HEN celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) **until the end of the year**. Also joining the celebrations is Artur, SP3LPR as **3Z75HSC**. The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include 1400+ operators all over the world: <http://www.highspeedclub.org>. QSL PG75HSC via [PA3HEN](#), and LoTW. QSL 3Z75HSC via [SP3LPR](#).

-[425DXN # 1824 April 18, 2026] (0417-0508)

PA, NETHERLANDS. Special callsign **PI26WT** and others (**PAØ1WT, PAØ2WT, PDØ1WT, PDØ2WT, PDØ3WT, PDØ4WT, PDØ5WT, PDØ7WT, PDØ9WT**) will be active on **April 7th-21st** for the Dutch Radio Group's Water Tower Event. Several certificates will be available, see <https://dutchradiogroup.com/> for detailed information.

-[425DXN # 1821 March 28, 2026] (0403-0424)

PJ4, BONAIRE. TJ, PE1OJR is active holiday style as **PJ4TB** from Bonaire (SA-006) **until May 4th**. He operates SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 40-6 meters. QSL via LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1824 April 18, 2026] (0417-0508)

SØ, WESTERN SAHARA. Naama, SØ1A, and Azman, SØ1AH, are QRV as **SØ9S** **until the end of May** to mark the 50th anniversary of Western Sahara. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) or LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 13 April 2, 2026] (0403-0529)

SP, POLAND. Celebrating the 680th anniversary of the city of Bydgoszcz, members of the local radio club (SP2KKB) will be active as **HF68ØBY, HF68ØBD** and **HF68ØBG** on **April 1st-30th**. See <https://radiodyplom.pl/ses/205> for the award.

-[425DXN # 1822 April 4, 2026] (0403-0501)

SV, GREECE. Team **SX8LGT** will be active from the Kaki Kefali Lighthouse on Evia Island (not IOTA) from **April 18th to 26th**. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80-10 meters. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or via [SV1ENG](#).

-[425DXN # 1822 April 4, 2026] (0417-0501)

SV, GREECE. Members of the Radio Amateur Association of Western Greece are QRV with special callsign **SZ4ØA** **until May 31st** to celebrate forty years of continuous presence, service, and contribution to amateur radio. Activity is on various HF bands and modes. QSL via [ON3UN](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 12 March 26, 2026] (0327-0529)

T8, PALAU. A group of Japanese operators assembles on Koror Island (OC-009) to maintain the antennas on the VIP Guest Hotel. They also get on the air:

T88DZ -- Op JR2JGR; **April 8th-19th**. QSL via [JR2JGR](#), eQSL;

T88FM -- Op JM1LIG; **April 8th-16th**. QSL via [JM1LIG](#), eQSL;

T88HF -- Op JF1GHX; **April 8th-19th**. QSL via [JF1GHX](#), eQSL;

T88MK -- Op JO3LVG; **April 8th-16th**. QSL via [JO3LVG](#), eQSL;

T88SG -- Op JK1SZX; **April 8th-19th**. QSL via [JK1SZX](#), LoTW, eQSL.

-[DXNL # 2505 April 8, 2026] (0410-0424)

TG, GUATEMALA. Steve, K4IM, is QRV holiday-style as **TG9AWS** from **April 10th to 20th**. QSL via [N2OO](#) or LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 14 April 9, 2026] (0410-0424)

TJ, CAMEROON. Father Darek, TJ1GD is active as **TJ1GD/p** from Mondoleh Island (AF-095). This operation is a tribute to Stefan Szolc-Rogozinski, the Polish explorer born on April 14, 1861, who established a research station there in 1883. "To honor his legacy", Darek says, "I will aim to be active from Mondoleh Island every April in the coming years". This IOTA group has been activated only once (by TJ3MC/p back in 2004). See <https://www.qrz.com/db/TJ1GD/P> for more information. QSL TJ1GD/p via [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1822 April 4, 2026] (0403-0424)

TL, CENTRAL AFRICA. Joao, CR7BNW, is active as **TL8BNW** until **June**. Activity is on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. For QSL info, see [TL8BNW](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 14 April 9, 2026] (0410-0529)

TN, CONGO. Darek, HF3GD, is QRV as **TN8GD** from Brazzaville. Activity is on 160 through 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 13 April 2, 2026] (0403-0424)

TU, COTE D'IVOIRE. Mat, **TU5JZ**, in Abidjan is active sporadically on 40 and 10m FT8. QSL via [F5HPE](#).

-[DXNL # 2506 April 15, 2026] (0417-0508)

UA, EUROPEAN RUSSIA. Commemorating the 65th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's historic 108-minute first flight into outer space (April 12, 1961), members of the Miller DX Club will use several special callsigns on **April 10th-26th**: **R065A, R065C, R065L, R065N, R065O, R065S, R065X, R065Z, R065YG, R108YG, R1961YG, UE7YG, UE65YG, and UE65YAG**. see <https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc/1800/> for the certificates. QSL for all callsigns via [RQ7L](#).

-[425DXN # 1821 March 28, 2026] (0410-0501)

UR, UKRAINE. Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster (April 26, 1986), the special callsign **EN40CNP** will be used on **April 18th-30th** from various locations across Ukraine. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and QRZ.

-[425DXN # 1824 April 18, 2026] (0417-0501)

UR, UKRAINE. Nick, US8AR, celebrates his 50 years on the air with the callsign **EM50AR**.

-[DXNL # 2504 April 1, 2026] (0403-0424)

UR, UKRAINE. Special callsign **EO80F** celebrates the 80th anniversary of the Palace of Children and Youth in Izmail.

-[DXNL # 2504 April 1, 2026] (0403-0424)

UR, UKRAINE. The special event callsigns **EM100W** and **EN100WLKK** celebrate the centenary of the Lviv Shortwave Club in 1926.

-[DXNL # 2504 April 1, 2026] (0403-0424)

V4, ST. KITTS & NEVIS. Pete, G0TLE will be active again as **V47EM** from St. Kitts (NA-104) from **April 11th to May 1st**. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 meters. QSL via LoTW, [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or direct to [G0TLE](#).

-[425DXN # 1822 April 4, 2026] (0410-0501)

V7, MARSHALL IS. Paul, KA4WPX, is currently on Kwajalein (OC-028) and shows up on 20m several times a week (0700-0930z) as **V7/KA4WPX/p** or as **V73AX**. The duration of his stay is not known at present.

-[DXNL # 2506 April 15, 2026] (0417-0508)

VE, CANADA. The following stations use the suffix RAC on Amateur Radio Day (**April 18th**): **VA2RAC, VA3RAC, VE1RAC, VE3RHQ, VE4RAC, VE5RAC, VE6RAC, VE7RAC, VE8RAC, VE9RAC, VO1RAC, VO2RAC, VY0RAC, VY1RAC, and VY2RAC**. For information and available certificates see:

<https://www.rac.ca/certificate-generator>. QSL via bureau, LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2506 April 15, 2026] (0417-0424)

VE, CANADA. Special callsign **VX9P** honors the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong during April. QSL via [VE9CF](#), LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2504 April 1, 2026] (0403-0501)

VK9C, COCOS (KEELING) IS. Mark, VK6BSA, and Deena, VK6DEE, are QRV as **VK9BSA** and **VK9DEE**, respectively, until May. Activity is in their spare time. QSL VK9BSA via [VK6BSA](#) and VK9DEE via [VK6DEE](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 19, 2026] (0320-0501)

VP9, BERMUDA. Watch for Paul, **VP9KF** to be active again from Bermuda (NA-005) on April 16th-30th. He will operate CW only on various HF bands. See <https://vp9kf.com> for more information. He does not use LoTW or Club Log. QSL direct to Paul Evans, 15 Watch Knob Lane, Swannanoa NC 28778, USA.

-[425DXN # 1823 April 11, 2026] (0410-0501)

XU, CAMBODIA. Thomas, DL7BO, is active as **XU7O** on 160 to 6 meters using FT8. QSL via [DL4WK](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 15 April 16, 2026] (0417-0508)

XW, LAOS. Vincent, **XW4KV**, is QRV on 15 meter FT8. Logs are uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) or [F4BKV](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 15 April 16, 2026] (0417-0508)

YB, INDONESIA. Special callsigns **8A147RA**, **8A147KAR**, **8A147TI**, and **8A147NI** will be active on April 18th-20th commemorating the 147th anniversary since the birth of Raden Adjeng Kartini (1879-1904). Look for activity on the five classic bands SSB, CW, FT8. R.A. Kartini was an activist who advocated for women's rights and female education; in 1964 she was awarded the title of National Hero of Indonesia. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on <https://hamaward.cloud>; paper QSL cards via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or via [N2OO](#).

-[425DXN # 1824 April 18, 2026] (0417-0424)

YI, IRAQ. Yousif, formerly YI1YJK, now operates as **YI1CW** on various HF bands and the QO-100 satellite. QSL via QRZ.COM, or LoTW. No paper QSLs.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 15 April 16, 2026] (0417-0508)

YO, ROMANIA. Special callsign **YP1ZMR** by the Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism (FRR) celebrates World Amateur Radio Day from April 16th to 30th. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YP1ZMR> for information about the award program.

-[425DXN # 1823 April 11, 2026] (0410-0501)

YO, ROMANIA. Special callsign **YR1ØØRC** celebrates the centenary of Radioclubul Craiova (March 18, 1926), Romania's first amateur radio club. Look for activity from March 16th to September 30th. A certificate will be available on <https://hamlog.online/club/romania/1786/>.

-[425DXN # 1820 March 21, 2026] (0320-0424)

Z6, KOSOVO. Team **Z66SP** (namely SP1D, SP2AS, SP2HQY, SP2R, SP2RBA, and SQ2IHP) will be active from near Pristina, Kosovo on April 23rd-28th. They plan to operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10 meters, and to participate in the SP DX RTTY Contest. Depending on time and local conditions, they will also be QRV on 6 meters and on QO-100. See <https://z66sp.spdxc.org/> for more information. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) and LoTW.

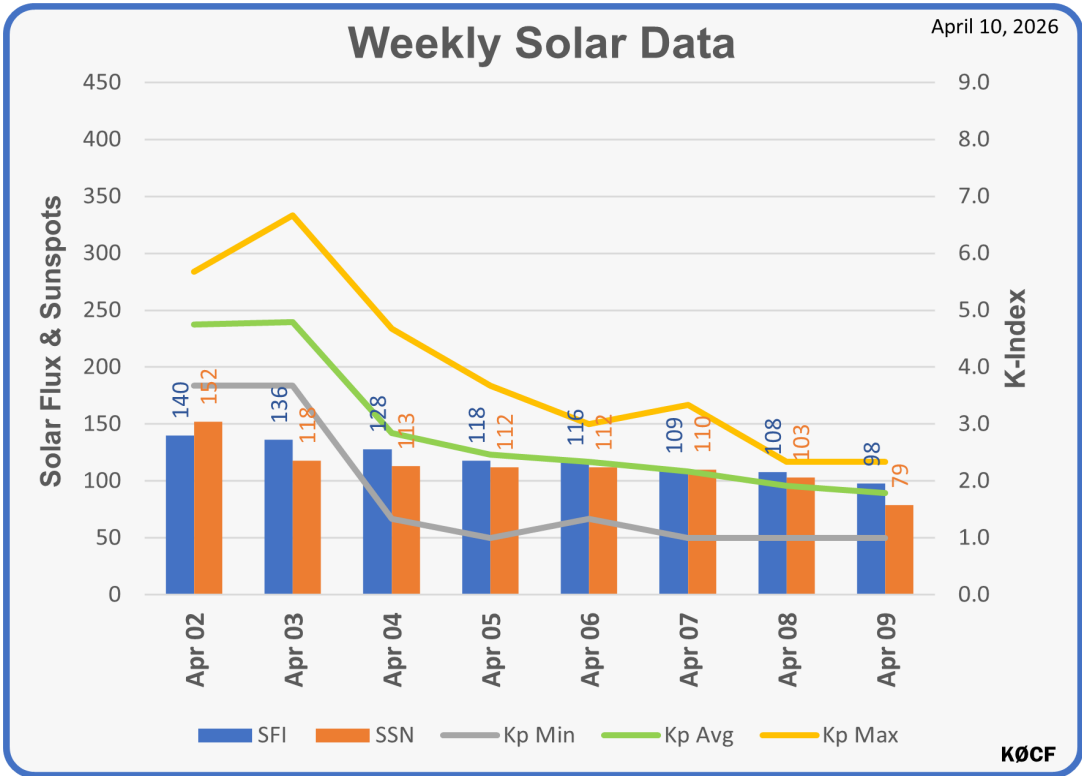
-[425DXN # 1824 April 18, 2026] (0417-0501)

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN. Diya, YI1DZ, has a renewed (6 months) contract with the World Food Program and expects to return to Juba next week. Look for him during his spare time as **Z81D** on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via [OM3JW](#) OQRS.

-[DXNL # 2506 April 15, 2026] (0417-0508)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND. Special callsign **ZL1ØØAA** celebrates the centenary of the Auckland Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AA), which was formed alongside and as a branch to the New Zealand Association of

Propagation



The Weekly Solar Data chart plots Solar Flux Index (SFI), Sunspot number (SSN) and Planetary K-Index (Kp) for the past 8 days. With 8 Planetary K-index readings each day, only the minimum, average and maximum K-index values are plotted. **Note:** You may click [here](#) or on the chart above to see the same data for the past month.

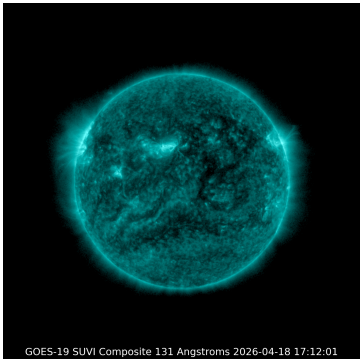
The Daily Solar Flux Index, Sunspot number, Planetary K-index, Solar Flux predictions and Solar Flare data used in this bulletin have been collected by KØCF from the U.S. Department of Commerce's NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center.

The propagation graphs above are the creations of KØCF and are unique in space weather reporting.

Please Note: The graphs are high resolution .PNG files which you may view in greater detail using your browser's "zoom" feature. Alternatively, right click on the graph and select "Open Image in New Tab" to enlarge it, or "Save Image As..." to save it to your computer for further analysis.

NASA's current view of the Sun at a wave-length of 131 Angstroms. This wavelength shows incredible solar detail.

Click [here](#) or on the image to view as a full screen 48-hour video loop. It is fascinating!



Propagation Summary

For the 8 day period from Thursday, April 9th through Thursday, April 16th.

The average solar flux was 100, down 16 points from the previous week, with a weekly high of 108 on Thursday, April 16th, following a low of 93 on April 11th.

The average sunspot count was 54, down by 52 from last week, peaking at 79 on Thursday, April 9th followed by a weekly low of 42 on April 11th.

The Planetary K-index weekly average was 2.3 with a maximum of 4.3 on Friday, April 10th, indicating generally quiet geomagnetic conditions. The most recent K-index maximum was 1.0 with generally quiet conditions.

Solar flare activity since April 10th has been quiet with no major flares.

Propagation Data

Major solar flares, Friday, April 10th through 1432 UTC, April 17th.

#	Date	UTC	Mag.
None Reported			

(NOAA's graph of recent flare activity: [GOES-X-Ray-Flux](#))

From the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center, here are the probabilities of major solar flares and the predicted 10.7 cm Solar Flux for the next 3 days. NOAA updates this information daily.

Date	M-Flares	X-Flares	Solar Flux
Apr 17	25%	5%	110
Apr 18	25%	5%	110
Apr 19	25%	5%	108

Looking farther ahead, here is the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center forecast of 10.7 cm radio flux and maximum Planetary K-index (Kp) for the next 12 days. This data is updated by NOAA every Monday (last updated on April 13, 2026).

Date	Flux	Kp
Apr 17	110	2
Apr 18	110	3
Apr 19	110	4
Apr 20	120	4

Date	Flux	Kp
Apr 21	130	3
Apr 22	140	3
Apr 23	145	2
Apr 24	145	3

Date	Flux	Kp
Apr 25	140	4
Apr 26	140	3
Apr 27	140	2
Apr 28	140	2

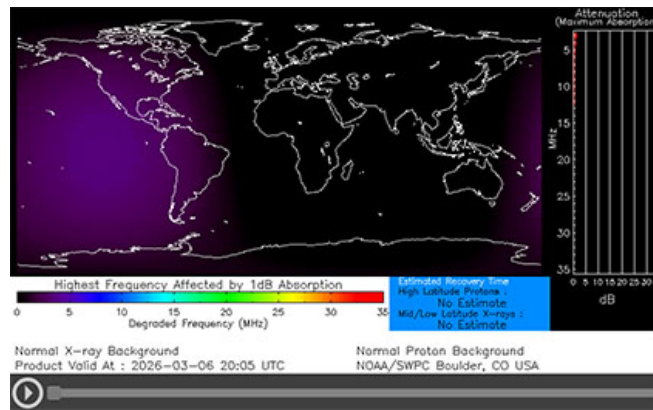
A Hole In The Sun's Atmosphere

A large hole has opened in the sun's atmosphere, and it is directly facing Earth. High-speed solar wind flowing from [this coronal hole](#) should arrive on April 18th, potentially sparking G2-class geomagnetic storms. The New Moon will provide dark skies and a nice canvas for long-exposure photography of auroras.

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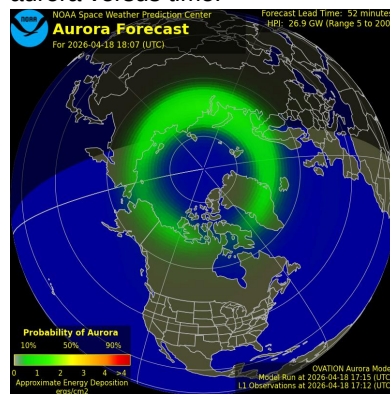
Global D Region Absorption

Conditions in the D-region of the ionosphere have a dramatic effect on HF communications. The D-Region Absorption map combines the effects of solar particles and photons. Yellow to red colors on the map depict increasing signal attenuation, where the bar chart at the right displays attenuation versus frequency. Click the thumbnail below for an animated map of D-Region Absorption:



The Aurora Borealis

The aurora is not only beautiful to see but can have a profound impact on HF and VHF radio propagation. For the HF operator, auroras can result in a complete shut-down of propagation. However, on VHF, auroras present interesting DX possibilities. Beam antennas are very desirable and should be pointed north, towards the aurora. Signals are reflected by “back-scatter” and will be distorted with a rough buzz. SSB is the best voice mode to use, but copy can be difficult. CW will have a rough buzzy sound but be perfectly copyable. Click the thumbnail below for an animated map of aurora versus time:



Highs for Cycle 25

Solar Flux: 336 on August 8, 2024.

Sunspots: 382 on August 10, 2024.

Popular Propagation web sites

<https://prop.kc2g.com/> (Excellent Maximum Usable Frequency map)

NOAA <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

<https://www.spaceweather.com/>

<https://www.solarham.com/>

<https://dx.qsl.net/propagation/>

A Propagation Tutorial

The solar X-ray flux tracks solar activity and solar flares. Solar flux, which can vary from as low as 50 to as high as 300, influences the level of ionization in the F2 region of the ionosphere, providing a very good prediction of HF DX conditions. The higher the solar flux, the better conditions will be for the higher HF frequencies and even 6 meters. However, the levels need to be maintained for some days to allow ionization in the F2 layer to build up. A solar flux of 150 results in good HF band conditions, while levels of 200 and up can provide great conditions.

Large X-ray flares on the sun can increase the ionization of the D layer of the ionosphere (a lower layer) on the sunlit side of the Earth, greatly attenuating or blocking HF radio transmissions for up to a half hour. Solar flares often produce Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) which, if Earth directed, can lead to geomagnetic storms. Some large flares are also accompanied by strong radio bursts that may interfere with other radio frequencies and cause problems for satellite communication and radio

navigation (GPS).

The Planetary K-index is a measure of the magnitude of geomagnetic storms and is an excellent indicator of disturbances in the Earth's magnetic field. A level of 1 or 2 represents quiet geomagnetic conditions; a reading of 3 or 4 may cause some propagation deterioration; 5 and 6 are minor to moderate geomagnetic storms; and 7 to 9 are strong, severe, and extreme storm conditions. Strong geomagnetic storms can trigger Auroral displays and cause HF radio blackouts. Higher geomagnetic activity also has the adverse effect of lowering maximum usable frequencies, much like lower solar flux does.

For best conditions, the solar flux should be above 150 for a few days with the K index below 2. When these conditions are met, some good DX is likely!

(Compiled from information on NOAA.gov and other sources.)

Contest Calendar

Weekly Contests

Contest	Start UTC		End	Web Site
K1USN Slow Speed Test	Monday	0000Z	0100Z	Rules
ICWC Medium Speed Test	Monday	1300Z	1400Z	Rules
	Monday	1900Z	2000Z	
	Tuesday	0300Z	0400Z	
CWops Test (CWT)	Wednesday	1300Z	1400Z	Rules
	Wednesday	1900Z	2000Z	
	Thursday	0300Z	0400Z	
	Thursday	0700Z	0800Z	
Weekly RTTY Test	Friday	0145Z	0215Z	Rules
NCCC CW Sprint (NS)	Friday	0230Z	0300Z	Rules

Note: Start Days are in UTC, e.g. Monday at 0000 UTC is Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Central Daylight Saving Time zone, or Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Central Standard Time zone.

Full Calendar

Contest	Start		End		Web Site
CQMM DX Contest	Apr 18	0900Z	Apr 19	2359Z	Rules
Michigan QSO Party	Apr 18	1600Z	Apr 19	0400Z	Rules
Ontario QSO Party	Apr 18	1800Z	Apr 19	1800Z	Rules
Quebec QSO Party	Apr 19	1200Z	Apr 19	2200Z	Rules
ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB	Apr 19	1800Z	Apr 19	2359Z	Rules
Florida QSO Party	Apr 25	1600Z	Apr 26	2159Z	Rules
7th Call Area QSO Party	May 2	1300Z	May 3	0700Z	Rules
Indiana QSO Party	May 2	1600Z	May 3	0400Z	Rules
Delaware QSO Party	May 2	1700Z	May 3	2359Z	Rules

New England QSO Party	May 2	2000Z	May 3	2400Z	Rules
CQ-M International DX Contest	May 9	1200Z	May 10	1159Z	Rules
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	May 16	1200Z	May 17	1200Z	Rules
Arkansas QSO Party	May 16	1400Z	May 17	0200Z	Rules
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	May 30	0000Z	May 31	2400Z	Rules
Atlantic Canada QSO Party	Jun 6	1200Z	Jun 7	0200Z	Rules
Kentucky QSO Party	Jun 6	1300Z	Jun 7	0100Z	Rules
ARRL Inter. Digital Contest	Jun 6	1800Z	Jun 7	2400Z	Rules
ARRL June VHF Contest	Jun 13	1800Z	Jun 15	0300Z	Rules
All Asian DX Contest, CW	Jun 20	0000Z	Jun 21	2400Z	Rules
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	Jun 20	1500Z	Jun 21	1500Z	Rules
ARRL Kids Day	Jun 20	1800Z	Jun 20	2359Z	Rules
ARRL Field Day	Jun 27	1800Z	Jun 28	2100Z	Rules
CQ Worldwide VHF SSB/CW Contest	Jul 4	1200Z	Jul 5	1200Z	Rules
CQ Worldwide VHF Digital Contest	Jul 18	1200Z	Jul 19	1200Z	Rules

(Contest data courtesy of the [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#))